

IN THE CLAIMS

1.- 23. (canceled)

24. (withdrawn) A composition free of ethanol or alcohol, comprising a hydrofluoro ether component and at least one polyacid ester.

25. (withdrawn) The composition of claim 24, wherein the hydrofluoro ether component is a perfluorinated component of the general formula $C_nH_mF_p-O-C_xH_yF_z$, in which n is a number ranging from 1 to 12, m is a number ranging from 0 to 25, p is a number ranging from 0 to 11, $m + p = 2n + 1$, x is a number from 1 to 12, y is a number from 0 to 25, x is a number from 0 to 11 and $y + z = 2x + 1$, and in which m and y may not be equal to 0 simultaneously and p and z may not be equal to 0 simultaneously.

26. (previously presented) The composition of claim 43, wherein the hydrofluoro ether component is selected from the group consisting of methoxynonafluorobutane, ethoxynonafluorobutane, propoxyundecafluoropentane and methoxyheptafluoropropane.

27. (previously presented) The composition of claim 43, wherein the polyacid ester is an ester of a hydroxylated or non-hydroxylated polyacid esterified with a saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched alcohol having between 1 and 30 carbon atoms.

28. (previously presented) The composition of claim 43, wherein the polyacid ester is an ester of a polyacid with an alcohol having between 1 and 12 carbon atoms.

29. (previously presented) The composition of claim 43, wherein the polyacid ester is an ester of a polyacid with an alcohol selected from the group consisting of ethanol, isopropanol and 2-ethylhexanol.

30. (previously presented) The composition of claim 43, wherein the polyacid has between 3 and 10 atoms and comprises a linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated carbon chain optionally substituted by at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, ketone, and hydroxyl substituted by acetyl.

31. (previously presented) The composition of claim 43, wherein the polyacid is a total ester of a polyacid with a saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched alcohol having between 1 and 30 carbon atoms.

32. (previously presented) The composition of claim 43, wherein the polyacid is a saturated diacid selected from the group consisting of malonic acid, succinic acid, glutaric acid, adipic acid, pimelic acid, suberic acid and azelaic acid; a monounsaturated diacid selected from the group consisting of fumaric acid, maleic acid, citraconic acid, itaconic acid and mesaconic acid; a diunsaturated diacid; muconic acid; a monohydroxylated diacid; tartronic acid; malic acid; citramalic acid; a dihydroxylated diacid; dihydroxymaleic ; tartaric acid, a tetrahydroxylated diacid; dihydroxytartaric acid; galactaric acid; glucaric acid; a keto diacid; mesoxalic acid; oxalacetic acid; 2-oxoglutaric acid; 3-oxoglutaric acid, a diketo diacid; 2,3-diketoadipic acid, a saturated triacid; tricarballic acid; citric acid, an unsaturated triacid; and aconitic acid.

33. (previously presented) The composition of claim 43, wherein the polyacid is citric acid.

34. (previously presented) The composition of claim 43, wherein the polyacid is adipic acid.

35. (previously presented) The composition of claim 43, wherein the polyacid ester is a substantially non-polar ester.

36. (previously presented) The composition of claim 43, wherein the polyacid ester is selected from the group consisting of triethyl citrate, tri(2-ethylhexyl) citrate, diisopropyl adipate and di(2-ethylhexyl) adipate.

37. (previously presented) The composition of claim 43, wherein the polyacid ester represents from 0.1 to 30% by weight of the hydrofluoro ether component.

38. (previously presented) The composition of claim 43, wherein the polyacid ester represents from 1 to 20% by weight of the hydrofluoro ether component.

39. (withdrawn) The composition of claim 24, further comprising a complementary component, selected from a second co-solvent and from a component for improving the properties of a perfume composition.

40. (withdrawn) The composition of claim 24,, wherein the second co-solvent is a silicone, and wherein the component for improving the properties of a perfume composition is promoting persistence of said composition on the skin and comprises a phthalate.

41. (previously presented) The composition of claim 51, wherein said phthalate is diethyl phthalate.

42. (previously presented) The composition of claim 43, further comprising a silicone selected from a volatile silicone, a dimethicone, a cyclomethicone, pentacyclomethicone, and an organotrisiloxane, the silicone representing from 1 to 20% by weight of the composition.

43. (currently amended) A perfume composition free of ethanol or alcohol, comprising a perfume concentrate comprising at least one essential oil, and a solubilizer comprising an association of a hydrofluoro ether component and of at least one polyacid ester in an amount sufficient to give said composition an essentially clear appearance.

44. (previously presented) The perfume composition of claim 43, wherein the hydrofluoroether component is present in an amount ranging from about 65 to about 85% by weight, based on the weight of the perfume composition.

45. (previously presented) The composition of claim 44, comprising from about 1 to about 20% by weight of polyacid ester, based on the weight of the perfume composition.

46. (previously presented) The composition of claim 43, comprising from about 5 to about 20% by weight of perfume concentrate.

47. (previously presented) The composition of claim 43, formulated as a body lotion comprising a concentration of perfume concentrate in the order of 5% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

48. (previously presented) The composition of claim 43, formulated as a perfume, the concentration of perfume concentrate being between 10 and 20% by weight of the perfume composition.

49. (previously presented) The composition of claim 43, wherein the hydrofluoro ether component is a perfluorinated component of the general formula $C_nH_mF_p-O-C_xH_yF_z$, in which n is a number ranging from 1 to 12, m is a number ranging from 0 to 25, p is a number ranging from 0 to 11, $m + p = 2n + 1$, x is a number from 1 to 12, y is a number from 0 to 25, x is a number from 0 to 11 and $y + z = 2x + 1$, and in which m and y may not be equal to 0 simultaneously and p and z may not be equal to 0 simultaneously.

50. (previously presented) The composition of claim 43, comprising an additional component, selected from a second co-solvent, and from a component for improving the properties of the perfume composition.

51. (previously presented) The composition of claim 50, wherein the second co-solvent is a silicone and wherein the component for improving the properties of the perfume composition is promoting the persistence of said composition on the skin, and comprises a phthalate.

52. (previously presented) The composition of claim 43, further comprising up to 2% by weight, based on the composition, of at least one additional additive including a UV filter, an antioxidant or a dye.

53. (previously presented) A method of solubilizing an alcohol-free and ethanol free perfume concentrate comprising admixing the perfume concentrate with a composition comprising a hydrofluoroether component and a polyacid ester, thereby obtaining the perfume composition of claim 43.

54. (previously presented) The method of claim 53, wherein the hydrofluoro ether component is a perfluorinated component of the general formula $C_nH_mF_p-O-C_xH_yF_z$, in which n is a number ranging from 1 to 12, m is a number ranging from 0 to 25, p is a number ranging from 0 to 11, $m + p = 2n + 1$, x is a number from 1 to 12, y is a number from 0 to 25, x is a number from 0 to 11 and $y + z = 2x + 1$, and in which

m and y may not be equal to 0 simultaneously and p and z may not be equal to 0 simultaneously.

55. (previously presented) The method of claim 53, further comprising preparing a perfume composition selected from a perfume and a body lotion.

56. (previously presented) An ethanol-free or alcohol-free perfume composition, comprising a perfume concentrate, hydrofluoro ether component selected from the group consisting of methoxynonafluorobutane, ethoxynonafluorobutane, propoxyundecafluoropentane and methoxyheptafluoropropane, and a polyacid ester selected from the group consisting of triethyl citrate, tri(2-ethylhexyl) citrate, diisopropyl adipate and di(2-ethylhexyl) adipate.

57. (previously presented) The composition of claim 56, further comprising a silicone selected from a volatile silicone, a dimethicone, a cyclomethicone, pentacyclomethicone, and an organotrisiloxane, the silicone representing from 1 to 20% by weight of the composition.